

COMMENT OF THE DAY

China's Choice

HOW badly does China want the Western embargo lifted? Badly enough to agree to an armistice in Indo-China at the present Geneva talks? It can only be a speculative question at best but according to recent reports from Peking it would seem that the Communist Party is intensifying its drive at home to expand primary production for the export market. Party cadres have apparently "convinced" farmers of the need (1) to increase production, (2) to surrender a large portion of their crops to the Government as taxation and (3) to lend the Government whatever extra crops they can for exports to enable the State to earn more foreign exchange for the industrialisation drive. It is obvious therefore that despite the apparently generous loans from Russia including skilled technicians to establish new and expand existing industries, and despite the spate of official figures flowing from Peking indicating promising increases in production in various secondary industries that the plans for industrialisation in China demand either capital or goods (or both) over and above those emanating from existing sources. And China is not the only Communist state pressing Russia for more assistance in its industrialisation plan. China's case however is different in this respect that whereas the satellites, and even Russia, have access to some Western industrial equipment—by virtue of the fact that the embargo is less stringent on the European Communist states—China at present gets nothing worthwhile from the West so complete is the United Nations' embargo on trade with that country.

SINCE America has made no secret of its intention to enforce the embargo until such time as the Chinese People's Republic gives positive evidence of its desire to live in "peaceful co-existence with the West", the most tangible approach the Chinese could make towards this end would be to agree to an armistice in Indo-China and a settlement of the Korean problem at the present Geneva conference. There is at the moment a very imminent threat of the United States implementing Mr Dulles' plan for a Southeast Asian defence alliance and its determination to proceed with this plan is apparently greater than its desire to have Great Britain as an active partner. Mr Molotov's intense hatred of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation is well-known. He has been no less stubborn in his resistance to the formation of a Far Eastern defence alliance but his motives for disliking it are completely different from those of Mr Eden. However it cannot be denied that with British antipathy to the alliance (at least until the outcome of the Geneva talks is known) any Communist move towards the easing of tension in the Far East even at this late stage could easily upset Mr Dulles' plans since it would tend to consolidate British opposition to the alliance and might leave many Americans in two minds as to the wisdom of such a move involving as it does the possible movement of more US troops to the Far East. China cannot escape the conclusion that if the alliance is formed it will be directed not so much against Communist aggression in the Far East as Chinese-backed aggression and the trade embargo will probably then be as permanent as the Communist regime in China itself.

US AID FOR INDO-CHINA

DISCLOSURES

Eden's Private Warning To Reds

Washington, May 23.

Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, has privately warned the Soviet and Chinese Communist Foreign Ministers at the Geneva conference not to overplay their hands or underrate the United States capacity to react with military force to the Indo-China situation, it was learned here today.

A favourable impression has been created in Eisenhower Administration circles by reports of two frank private talks in Geneva last week between Mr Eden and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Molotov, and the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, during the Indo-China phase of the Geneva Far Eastern conference.

In response to the warning, Mr Chou told Mr Eden that he was relying on Britain to prevent the United States from intervening with armed forces in Indo-China.

Mr Eden replied firmly that no such assumption was warranted and that when things came to a showdown, Britain would stand by the side of the United States.

EXAGGERATED

Mr Eden is reported to have insisted in the conversation that the widely publicised divergences between Britain and the United States over matters of organising the peace and the fundamentals of Anglo-American unity are exaggerated.

There is as yet no indication here that Mr Eden has given up his efforts to bring about a settlement acceptable to both sides.

For that reason, Britain has to date compared to remain aloof from United States efforts already under way in Washington to organise a collective security arrangement for South-east Asia.

If Britain decides in the next few weeks that the Geneva negotiations can only have a negative outcome, she will be able to join in these efforts.

Britain will then find that the preliminary spadework now in progress amongst United States, Asian and Western Pacific diplomats has cleared the way for speedier construction of an alliance with British participation.

If and when that comes, it is accepted in United States diplomatic circles that the painstaking efforts of Mr Eden will prove to have been of great value.

If the Indo-China talks fail, some Asian countries who have been reluctant to come into a Southeast Asian security arrangement until the outcome of Geneva is clearer may decide to come in.

As much Asian support as possible is necessary to remove any tinge of "colonialism" from the proposed Southeast Asian alliance in which the non-Asian great powers must inevitably play a prominent role.—Reuters.

Riot Squads Clash With Demonstrating Youths

Berlin, May 23.

Police riot squads today battled hundreds of hand-picked Communist youth "shock troops" in a "dress rehearsal" of a planned invasion of the three Western sectors of the city next month.

The police used fists and clubs on the Communist youths in smashing the demonstrations and arrested 140 high school and college students.

The East German authorities recruited the youths, many only teenagers, in Soviet Zone schools for the rehearsal, the police said. Many of the youths had been recruited by the Reds from towns in East Germany 50 miles outside Berlin. The police said the students staged today's demonstration as a rehearsal of what they

Military And Political Conditions

Paris, May 24.

America's plan for giving aid to the French in Indo-China provides for an American Commander-in-Chief there, according to usually reliable sources here last night.

The United States plan is all cut and dried and is now in the hands of M. Joseph Laniel, the French Prime Minister.

The sources said the plan provides for the intervention of American naval and air forces and the military participation of Thailand (Siam) and the Philippines.

Political conditions include the absolute independence of the three Associated States of Indo-China—Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia—and their right to stay out of the French Union.

The present situation in Indo-China no longer seems to leave the French much choice. Direct negotiations with Ho Chi-minh, Vietnamese rebel leader, are no longer possible since his powerful Kremlin and Peking protectors have got him under their thumb in Geneva and deprived him of any power to act independently as the position is seen by observers here.

On the other hand, the simple pulling out of French troops from Indo-China is not a practical possibility even if it were desired.

This seems to leave no other way open except to fall in with the American aid plan if Geneva fails to produce a settlement of the seven-year-old war.

Meanwhile, General Paul Ely, French Chief of the General Staff, is due here today from Indo-China with his top-secret report on action necessary in the Tonkin Delta to prevent a bigger defeat than that of Dien Bien Phu.

General Ely and his advisers were rushed out by the French Government a week ago to sum up the situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Hints from official quarters here, where the highlights of the Ely report have already been received by cable, indicate that he recommends broadly:

1. Withdrawal from the scattered outposts of the Red River delta and concentrating the 80 French Union battalions inside a perimeter nearer the coast—and

2. Consolidating control of Cochinchina (southern Indo-China) with Saigon by sending another 30,000 regular troops there now stationed in Germany or North Africa.

French reports from Hanoi say that it is difficult to supply many of these outposts, some of which are manned only by Vietnamese troops of second class quality. They are faced, say these same reports, with 100,000 Vietnamese soldiers, including one first-class division.

What the fate of Hanoi, the Tonkin capital, would be if withdrawal from the delta is decided upon on General Ely's

recommendation was still not clear. Some military authorities here maintained that Hanoi cannot be defended if the delta is given up.

For the moment, military intelligence reaching the local French Commander-in-Chief, General Navarre, indicates that General Giap, the Vietnamese Commander, does not seem to be making an all-out effort to attack Hanoi before the rainy season sets in.

REST CAMP

The Vietminh troops in the delta have not been increased since Dien Bien Phu, according to French reports.

And General Giap is building a big rest camp at Yen Bay, 90 miles northwest of Hanoi on the main road to Yunnan (China).

This lends the French Command in Hanoi to think that General Giap's offensive against Hanoi will not come before September.

At the same time, Hanoi lies under a very serious threat and the French are by no means excluding an attack despite the rains by General Giap next month.

A withdrawal to the coastal region in Tonkin and the concentration of the main French Union forces in Cochinchina (Siam), where the Vietminh are reportedly weak, would fit in with the two possibilities now facing France in Indo-China.

If the delta were in fact abandoned and consequently left to General Giap, the Vietminh in Geneva, it is argued in some Government quarters here, might prove less obdurate in negotiations since they would be getting some substantial part of what they are presumed to be aiming at in Geneva.

On the other hand, if the war goes on and American military forces intervene, the previous concentration of existing French forces would form a favourable basis for counter-attacks against the Vietminh army.

DIPLOMATIC VIEW

Following Foreign Minister Georges Bidault's weekend visit here and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's talk with Premier Laniel after the Entente Cordiale lunch yesterday the impression prevailed in diplomatic quarters that the French Government now expect the situation to evolve fairly rapidly towards a so-called internationalisation of the war in Indo-China.

Some Cabinet Ministers, including Paul Reynaud, the Vice-Premier, are strongly opposed to extending hostilities, but those French politicians who feel that peace is worth a bigger price than the Americans would like to pay for it are in a difficult position.

The left-wing Radical M. Pierre Mendes France, 11 months ago made a nearly successful bid for the Premiership on a programme involving direct peace negotiations with Vietminh leader Ho Chi-minh.

But today, after the rapid deterioration of the military situation, M. Mendes France is decidedly not in the running for Premiership.—Reuters.

Cambodian Town Evacuated

Saigon, May 23.

France-Cambodian forces have evacuated Siem Pang, about 200 miles northeast of Phnompenh, the French High Command announced here tonight.

A Command spokesman said King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia yesterday decided to evacuate Siem Pang which was not under Vietminh threat or pressure, to regroup elsewhere.

Siem Pang is only 25 miles from the Laotian border. The Vietminh captured Vorun Sal, 25 miles East, early last month and have exerted pressure in Northeast Cambodia ever since.—Reuters.

Failure Of Engines Caused Air Disaster

Wellington, May 24.

Passengers' accounts of the airliner crash which cost the lives of three children on Saturday (May 22), indicate the engines of the National Airways Corporation Douglas aircraft failed as it came in low to land.

The three dead are Murray Sharpin, aged three of Southland, New Zealand, Keith Spanhake, aged five and Lin Francis Spanhake, one and a half years of Plenty, New Zealand. Seven of the 27 passengers and crew aboard the plane are still in hospital the others were discharged after treatment.

The aircraft was approaching Paraparaumu airport, 23 miles from Wellington, in rain and low cloud when the engine appeared cut out, said 20-year-old Michael John Shallow of Christchurch. "Just before we hit the ground, the port engine picked up again, causing the plane to tilt sharply. We flew around and hit the ground."

FULL OF SMOKE

William George Jordan, also from Christchurch, said that immediately after the impact, the plane was full of black smoke and the passengers had to get out or smother. Passengers could not open the door.

It was opened from the outside by helpers who arrived quickly on the scene.

Another passenger said he believed the children who lost their lives were not strapped in and were stunned or killed by the crash.

Senior Captain W.B. Pettit, AFC, Commander of the plane, has flown more than million miles since he joined the Corporation in 1947. He served six and a half years with the RNZAF during and after World War II.

Minister in charge of Civil Aviation, Mr MacDonald, announcing on the night of May 23 there would be a Court of Inquiry into the crash, paid tribute to Captain Pettit saying "everyone I have spoken to connected with the accident has stressed the way in which he acted. He did really a good job."

Captain Pettit is still in hospital with burns and shock. His condition is reported as fair.—Reuters.

42 TERRORISTS SLAIN

Nairobi, May 23.

Forty-two terrorists were killed in engagements with security forces in the last 24 hours, East Africa headquarters announced today.

Twenty-six of them fell in a running battle between a large gang and police and troops a few miles south of Nairobi, one of the most active centres of the Mau Mau country, north of Nairobi. Two other terrorists in the operation were captured or wounded and a further 20 suspected Mau Mau associates were detained.—Reuters.



Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh drive in a State Landau, escorted by a Sovereign's escort of the Household Cavalry, from Buckingham Palace to the Mansion House to attend a welcome home luncheon given by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Noel Bowler. Picture shows the State Landau passing through Fleet Street on route to the luncheon.—Associated Press Photo.

McCarthy's "Legion Of False Statements"

Washington, May 23.

The foreign aid chief, Mr Harold Stassen, said today that adoption of Senator Joseph McCarthy's East-West trade policies would leave the United States standing alone and make World War III "more inevitable".

He said America's allies had co-operated fully in a strict ban on the shipment of strategic war materials to Red China, the Soviet Union and Communist bloc nations. He said they needed trade in peaceful goods to bolster their economies.

Mr Stassen was asked on the CBS television programme "Men of the Week" about Senator McCarthy's charge last week that it was "criminal folly" for the Eisenhower Administration to grant aid to friendly foreign nations which trade with the Communists.

He repeated his accusation that the Wisconsin Republican Senator uttered a "legion of false statements" in a Senate speech. Mr Stassen said a ban on US aid to foreign countries would be "unrealistic" and leave this country to face the Communist menace alone.

Asked if the Administration were ready for a showdown with Senator McCarthy, Mr Stassen said his aim in answering the Senator was to keep the record straight and prevent distortions.

ABRID BY BAN

Mr Stassen replied sharply to Senator McCarthy after the Senate speech on Thursday. He elaborated today and stated flatly that all this country's allies had abided by the ban on strategic trade with the Communists.

Mr Stassen said Britain, Japan and other free nations traded with the Reds because they needed the trade and the peaceful goods involved. He said the United States "barred all trade with the Chinese Communists because this country did not need any of the goods."

Four Criminals Escape

Little Rock, Arkansas, May 23.

A nationwide alert was broadcast today for four dangerous criminals, including a murderer and a narcotics addict, who escaped from an Arkansas State institution after overpowering three guards.

The four men used handmade weapons to subdue the guards and then ran down a fire escape last night.

Three of the men jumped into a grey pick-up truck, which later was found abandoned in Little Rock. The fourth fled on foot as an alarm was sounded.—United Press.

Repatriation Of Dien Bien Phu Wounded

NEW SYSTEM TO BE TESTED

Hanoi, May 24.

The French command announced it hoped to be able to evacuate a total of about 130 wounded from Dien Bien Phu today.

A test relay system will be set up at Muong Sai, about 80 miles from Dien Bien Phu, from which point the wounded will be transported to Luang Prabang, or directly to Hanoi by Dakota aircraft. The total number of wounded evacuated so far has now climbed to 291, of which 150 were evacuated on May 20, 17 on May 21, and 114 on May 22.

A military spokesman said that authorisation had been asked from the authorities in Paris to permit Nurse Genevieve de Galard, who will still be under military discipline on her return from Dien Bien Phu, to answer the questions of journalists when she arrives here. She is expected to come to Hanoi very shortly.

It was believed that a press conference would be organised when she arrives.

The spokesman said it was likely that Mademoiselle de Galard would remain in Indo-China until her auxiliary nurse contract expires.—France-Press.

Leading Huk Woman Arrested

Manila, May 24.

A top Huk Amazon with a price of \$5,000 on her head was captured by army troops in a surprise raid on Sunday in the village of Bulacan in Bulacan province on central Luzon.

Pretty Gloria Canlas, alias Commander Luningling, also known as "pistol-packing mama", was captured with another Huk Amazon while visiting the house of a relative.

When grilled by army investigators, Luningling reportedly said that top Communist Huk leader Jesus Laya had ordered his followers to liquidate the surrendered Huk leader Lalis Taruc.

It was this order that probably led Taruc to surrender, Luningling was further quoted as saying.

Taruc's trial is scheduled for tomorrow morning.—France-Press.

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WEST FACES CRITICAL WEEK AT GENEVA

Fundamental Issues On Indo-China And Korea Still Unresolved

Comets May Be Flying Soon

Berne, May 23. The Chief Executive of British European Airways, Mr. Peter Macleod, said today he thought the mystery of the Comet disasters would be solved very soon.

He told the annual meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland he was sure the Comets would be in the air again before very long.

He predicted faster than sound passenger transport in the next ten years.

Mr. Macleod referred to the turbo-prop "Viscount" aircraft as the "finest passenger plane in the world" and said that since their introduction the BEA had increased its traffic on the London-Zurich route alone by 118 per cent.—Reuter.

Who Will Succeed Gen. Franco?

Madrid, May 23. The chances of a monarchy in Spain appear to have diminished.

That at least is the conclusion reached by usually well-informed observers following informal talks held in Madrid between Falangists and Monarchists to discuss a possible restoration.

The candidate of the "Carlist" sector of the Bourbon family, Archduke Anthony of Hapsburg, resident in Austria, seems to have considerable support. But the Carlists claim to be the descendants of the late King Alfonso XIII, namely his son, Prince Juan, and his grandson, Prince Juan Carlos, are so strong that the adoption of a "Carlist" candidate would be difficult.

Prince Juan is a popular figure in Falange circles and these have criticised his recent visit abroad as a British naval unit in the Mediterranean, alleging that it was "interference" of him to make such a visit while the question of the forthcoming visit of Queen Elizabeth to Gibraltar is the subject of controversy between Spain and Britain.

Nor have the proposals to name the 16-year-old Prince Juan Carlos as heir to the throne instead of his 40-year-old father much way headway.

General Francisco Franco, now 61, continues to keep a vigilant grip on the government of the land, and the problem of who shall succeed him as head of the State does not appear to be imminent. It is thought possible here that another high Army officer may eventually succeed him and not a royal personage.—China Mail Special.

Geneva, May 24. The Indo-China peace talks, deadlocked since they began a fortnight ago, resume in secret today. During these negotiations the West may have to make critical decisions.

The deadlock arose out of Communist demands that negotiations for a settlement should cover Laos and Cambodia. The Western powers stress that the Vietnamese as invaders should evacuate the two smaller Indo-Chinese states without negotiation.

But ahead of the Western nations, looms the biggest problem of all — what to do if the talks fail.

The next few days are also expected to settle the fate of the 1948-49 Korean talks, which ended yesterday.

It is thought that Thursday may be the crucial day. This is the day when the 12th plenary session of the Korean talks is expected to be held.

The nine nations at the secret session on Indo-China today will be working from five basic points proposed by Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, on Friday.

These principles accepted by the West with reservations are:

1. Ceasefire.
2. Zonal regrouping of troops.
3. Prevention of military reinforcement.
4. Armistice control and
5. Guarantees against violation.

1. was agreed to turn to armistice terms in an effort to divert the conference temporarily from the dispute over Laos and Cambodia. But there is a real risk that this method will plunge the nine nations straight back into the wrangle, delegates say.

The Communists will probably demand application of the five principles to all three Associated States for which they seek an overall settlement.

Western delegates say the West will reject this on the grounds that no regrouping of troops is called for in Laos and Cambodia since the fighting there is only against foreign invaders—the Vietnamese from Vietnam.

MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK

This is the fundamental issue which has blocked all progress in the eight sessions—four plenary, four secret—held so far.

The Western nations, probably face a critical decision this week on whether to continue the talks in face of the deadlock.

Britain, playing the role of intermediary at this conference, is prepared to wait a little longer.



Military Talks On Southeast Asia May Begin On June 1

Washington, May 23. High level military talks on Southeast Asia are expected to open in Washington on June 1 between Britain, France, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

Though final details have not yet been decided, diplomatic circles believe the talks will be at Chiefs of Staff level.

The conference will discuss the present and potential military situation in Indo-China and Southeast Asia.

Among contingencies expected to be considered are:

1. The further worsening of the military situation in the Red River Delta in area in Indo-China.
2. Failure of the Geneva conference to produce a ceasefire or agree on a settlement for Indo-China.
3. Increased Chinese Communist intervention in the fight.

The conference is expected to provide the estimate of the military factors which should be of great importance in the diplomatic discussions involving

Scientists To Explore Strange Crater

Washington, May 23. A scientific expedition is preparing to leave for northern Labrador to explore a mysterious perfectly round crater 175 yards across which has a brilliant apple green coloured lake in the centre.

The National Geographic Society and the Royal Ontario Museum of Geology and Mineralogy of Toronto are sponsoring the expedition. They will be helped by the United States Air Force.

The eight scientists taking part include a member of the Canadian atomic mission and they are particularly interested to discover whether the crater is of meteoric origin—like the two-mile-wide Cheuch crater in Quebec.—Reuter.

French Socialist Split On EDC

Paris, May 23. The French Socialist Party Federations in ten departments were divided today on whether the European Defence Community should be ratified.

Reports reaching here tonight indicated that five departmental federations had voted in favour of instructing Socialist deputies in the National Assembly to endorse the EDC, while five others were opposed.—France-Press.

Hitler's Generals In East German Police?

Washington, May 23. A survey published by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today that former Hitler generals and other high officers were turning up in the uniform of Soviet controlled East Germany's Police Force Army.

The survey also cited what it said were resemblances to methods of the Nazi regime in East Germany's labour and youth policies.

Prepared by Library of Congress specialists, the survey said that East German workers and housewives would provide the real cadres of continued resistance to Soviet domination and that integration of West Germany into a European Community could intensify such resistance.

The researchers said that the Soviet Union had a precedent for the use of Hitler's generals and other prominent figures in the "Free German" Committee.

FURTHER ACTION?

Meetings today of some of the 2,500 strikers again resolved to continue the walk-out, which began a week ago at one west of England depot.

The extension of "lodging turns" to which the majority of footplate men—strikers and non-strikers alike—are firmly opposed was backed by the rail unions in agreement with the British Transport Commission.

The possibility of strike action in other regions of the British railway network loomed tonight with the decision of the York branch of a rail union to urge men in the north and northwest of the country to stop work.—Reuter.

They're Hearing Petrov's Evidence

"TOOK THE LEAP BUT TURNED BACK IN MID-AIR"

America Changed Its Mind About Intervention

Washington, May 23. Senator George Smathers said today the United States "actually took the leap" toward active intervention in the Indo-China war recently "but turned back in mid-air".

His remarks, made at an American Legion meeting in St Petersburg, Florida, brought an immediate denial from a Republican Senator but equally prompt support from a Democratic member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Senator Smathers told the Legionnaires they would be shocked "if you know how near we were to actual participation in Indo-China just a few weeks ago."

"When the story is finally written, it will be seen that America actually took the leap, but turned back in mid-air".

The Senator departed from his prepared text to say the plan was "turned back in mid-air" after the intervention of three or four American patriots. He did not elaborate.

The Defence Department had no immediate comment. But Senator Francis Case, a Republican member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Senator Smathers must have been "talking figuratively and not specifically". He said he knew of no plans for direct intervention in Indo-China.

Representative Melvin Price, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said there was a good deal of justification for Senator Smathers' statement. Mr. Price said he had reliable information that the administration wanted to intervene directly in Indo-China before the fall of Dien Bien Phu but was blocked by lack of support from the British and drastic for such action by Republican Congressional leaders.

Representative F. Edward Hebert, another member of the House group, said he had no personal knowledge of what Senator Smathers was talking about.

The question of possible U.S. intervention in Indo-China has been the subject of a good deal of talk in administration and Congressional circles recently. The controversy was started by Vice-President Richard Nixon. Speaking at a newspaper editors' meeting recently, he said the free world should prevent the fall of Indo-China to the Communists if the French decided to pull out.

Senator Case said the administration may have indicated to the French and British that it would seek joint Indo-China action from Congress if this country's two major allies were ready to support such a venture. But he said he knew of no actual proposal beyond the shipping of U.S. planes and maintenance crews to Indo-China.

More Facts Needed

Los Angeles, May 23. Chairman Alexander Wiley of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voiced doubts today about the Administration's "new look" military policy and warned against any attempt to "go-it-alone" in Indo-China.

He also urged that the people be given more "facts" on Indo-China. The people should be told, he said, that ground troops would probably have to be sent there if the United States and its Allies decided to intervene.

Senator Wiley, emphasising he has the "greatest confidence" in President Eisenhower and U.S. military leaders, questioned whether the Army should be cut from 20 to 17 divisions in view of the United States "increasing responsibilities" throughout the world.

Speaking at a Jewish community forum, he said the American people need to be given a picture about the "adequacy" of their armed forces but also "must be given the facts—even more facts than they have been given—concerning the crisis in Southeast Asia."

He made no attempt to "spell out in detail" what course of action the United States would take in Indo-China. But he said he was not impressed with the argument that U.S. air and naval forces alone might be enough to halt the Communist armies.

NOT A POLICE ACTION
"We should not begin a military action of this nature on a so-called limited basis, with air force and navy, without very clearly recognising that in this type of jungle and rice-paddy war especially, Air and Naval sources may not be able to prove the exclusive deciding factor," he said.

The United States must act "with its eyes wide open," he declared, and be aware of all the "consequences." If America did commit itself in Asia it could not be called a "police action" when it "very definitely may prove to be an action of war — of belligerency."

In rejecting the "go-it-alone" philosophy, Senator Wiley said the United States must have the willing co-operation of our allies in Europe and of the free states in Asia, in Indo-China and "must not attempt independent, unilateral action."

At the same time, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was said to be making "steady progress" with his plan to build a collective security alliance in Asia to fight against Communist aggression.

"WE CANNOT DELAY"
Senator Wiley warned that "time is of the essence—we cannot delay indefinitely; nor can our allies."
He said that in shaping policy on Indo-China, the Government must bear in mind the nation's economic status, possible co-operation of the Allies, and "the fact that neither we nor anyone else can possibly save any nation which does not want to save itself."
"It is bad not to take a stand, but it is infinitely worse to take a stand which you cannot sustain and where you are going to suffer defeat," he said.

19 Out Of 20 Skin Cancer Cases Cured

London, May 23. Lord Horder, Chairman of the British Empire Cancer campaign, and one of the Queen's physicians, said tonight 19 out of 20 medically attended cases of cancer of the skin were cured nowadays.

In the 1920s this complaint was common and caused a lot of suffering, he said in a broadcast appeal for funds.

Cancer of the prostate gland, formerly cured only by a serious operation if diagnosed, had come under control by the use of a medicine produced after long research by a British Empire cancer campaign worker.

"The fact is that by improved surgical technique, or by radiation, or by using both together, we cure more cases of cancer today than ever before, and yet the essential cause of cancer still eludes us and we must not rest until we have found it."

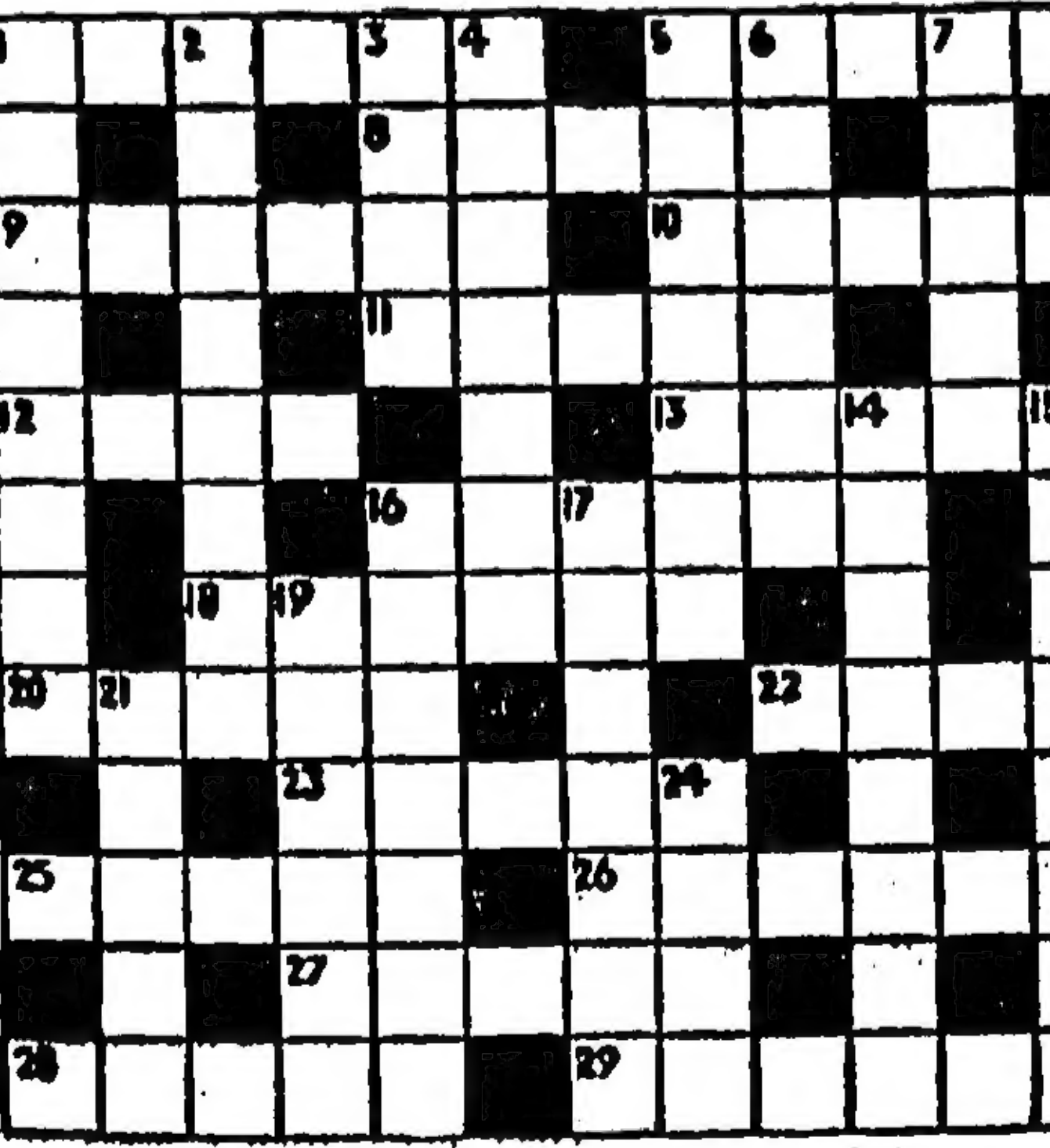
"We know that a number of irritants predispose certain organs to cancer — excessive smoking in the case of cancer of the lung is a popular example at the moment—but we do not know what it is that makes the growing cell take on what is called the 'malignant' character."—Reuter.

London Welcomes The Queen



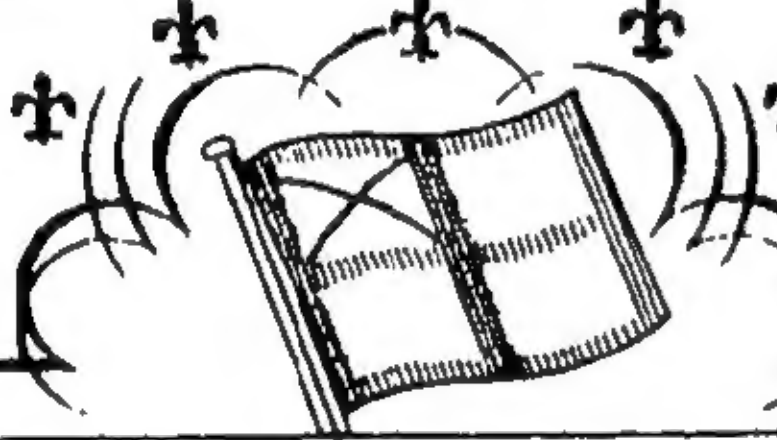
Shoppers crowd every narrow street to give a friendly London welcome to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as the Royal Family enters the British capital. Thousands of the 84,000 miles tour of the Commonwealth. — Reuter photo.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Hot-headed person (6).
 - 2 Dance (6).
 - 3 Best part (5).
 - 4 Fruit (6).
 - 5 Clear (5).
 - 6 Plunder (5).
 - 7 Opulent (4).
 - 8 Fastens down (5).
 - 9 Property (6).
 - 10 Assemblies (6).
 - 11 View (5).
 - 12 Fruit (4).
 - 13 Cover with cloth (5).
 - 14 Obese (6).
 - 15 In high spirits (6).
 - 16 Used to guide or check a horse (5).
 - 17 Advice (6).
 - 18 Nursed (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Part of a bed (8).
 - 2 Residence (8).
 - 3 Deeds (4).
 - 4 Suggest (7).
 - 5 Travelling-bags (7).
 - 6 Lucky charm (6).
 - 7 Upset (6).
 - 8 Helped (6).
 - 9 Went down (8).
 - 10 Warded off (7).
 - 11 Rupture (7).
 - 12 Last (6).
 - 13 Provide for (6).
 - 14 Besides (4).


SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD:—Across: 3 Afar, 7 Clump, 8 Anon, 9 Lass, 10 Dilates, 12 Pile, 15 Souks, 16 Asks, 18 Trend, 19 Melee, 22 Souk, 23 Naked, 24 Grow, 29 Diluted, 30 Room, 31 Huss, 32 Demure, 33 Nine, Down: 1 Plain, 2 Impasse, 4 Flank, 5 Rasp, 6 Rose, 9 Lass, 11 Token, 13 Look, 14 Aids, 16 Steel, 17 Snare, 20 Also, 26 Reduces, 27 Skin, 28 Adorn, 29 Revue, 37 Bony, 38 Yarn.




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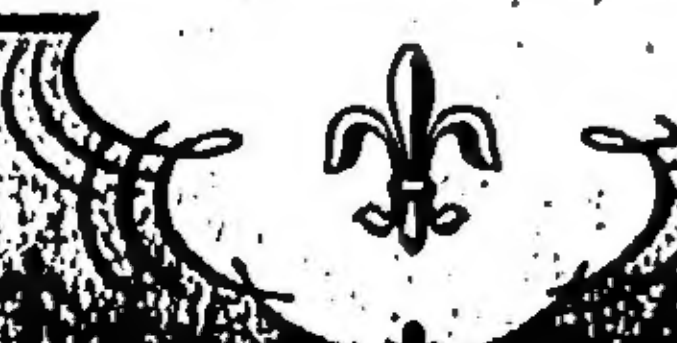
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"Did she say no one else could wear it, or would wear it?"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

NO man has done more to attract the American tourist to Britain than Captain K. A. G. Foulencough. He is the antique dealer who has been in the business for some years and has acquired a reputation for his knowledge of the antique trade.

This spring and summer the Captain is concentrating on antiques with an historical interest. As he said yesterday, "What is the use of selling a Jacobean mug if you don't sell you can't sell it. Henry VIII, his mother and father, they are the ones to sell."

The factory is at present turning out a number of beds in which Wellington slept before Malplaquet for use in country hotels where Americans have looked for them. Foulencough's main task is to keep an eye on the factory as the manager makes claims for the antiques which cannot always be substantiated.

K.A.G.
FOULENCOUGH yesterday sold to an hotel in Wiltshire a very handsome Plantagenet bed. Later the manager rang up to ask what the initials K.A.G. meant. He had found them roughly carved in the wood at the head of the bed. After inquiries at the factory Foulencough was told that the initials stood for King Alfred the Great, who had slept in the bed, realising that this sort of thing would never do, Foulencough informed the hotel that K.A.G. stood for K. A. G. Foulencough, the inventor of the famous cheese, who had slept

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 24

BORN today, you have a gentle and kind nature which has a great deal of personal magnetism. Your innate goodness attracts people of all kinds into your circle of acquaintances. Devoted to the arts, music and literature, especially, you might easily become the leader of a salon where those of similar tastes and talents meet in happy converse. You must not, in seeking to further the careers of others, however, neglect your own talents, for they are considerable.

You also have a high degree of nervous energy and physical stamina. You are always busy at something.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Aspects are highly favourable for all personal aims and desires. Make important progress now.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Day-dreaming is a lot of fun but it is the hard work in this world that reaps the high profits.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You may be under pressure to finish an important job. Measure up to the demands in all respects.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Being friendly is really so useful. Don't begrudge your time; always go half way.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be sharp-witted when it comes to seeing an opportunity when it is right in front of your eyes!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You are under excellent auspices today. Tackle even the toughest job and it should be easy, now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Let yesterday's positive and optimistic outlook on life solve a problem for you today. It can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Face the music this morning. Get an early start on a job that needs doing and finish it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Well-meaning friends may try to be helpful with suggestions. Make sure they are also practical.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Play within your budget if you are wise so that you may have something to spare for another time.

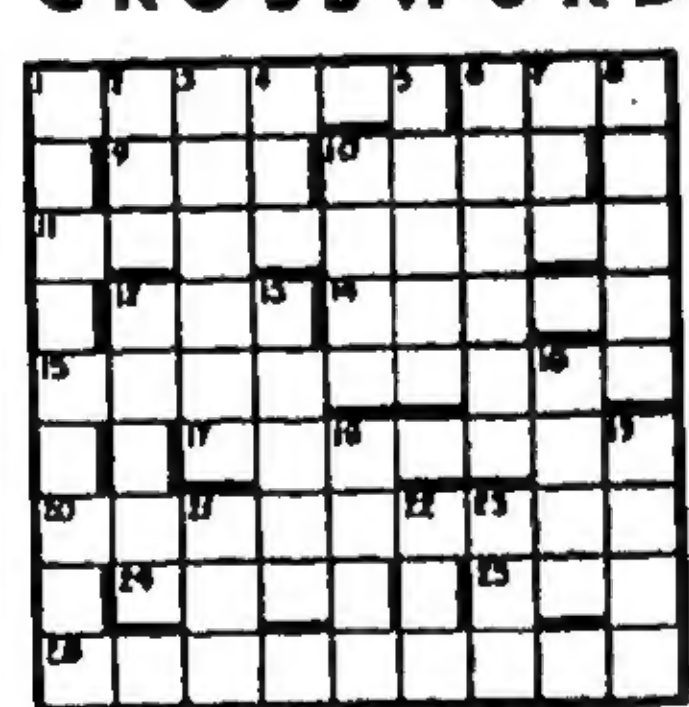
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you have slept on an idea and mature thought makes it look even better than yesterday, develop it.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)—Be ambitious; this is always good—but don't be rash in developing

DUMB-BELLS



CROSSWORD



Across

- P.T. at the ends of the lane. (6)
- Trained one is woven by deceiver. (8)
- You start the puzzle at this number. (3)
- One for the road, it might be. (4)
- The Queen is one of them. (9)
- It's a little fellow. (8)
- It's an opinion. (6)
- We live around here. (6)
- You do this when the joint's a little loose. (6)
- Lord Lark has a sign for the month in which you were born. (4)
- They come from the East, seven times a week. (6)
- The doctor advises the sleep. (6)
- Please do this, says the board. (4)
- There's a branch in your one, say the advertiser. (4)

Down

- This doesn't HAVE to be done by someone from Warsaw. (6)
- This old card game goes underground in London with a baker. (8)
- Found and shillings follow. (6)
- Edward's a little fellow. (8)
- It's an opinion. (6)
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- The doctor advises the sleep. (6)
- Please do this, says the board. (4)
- There's a branch in your one, say the advertiser. (4)

Answers to yesterday's crossword puzzle: Across: 1. P.T. at the ends of the lane. (6) P.T. 2. Trained one is woven by deceiver. (8) Weave. 3. You start the puzzle at this number. (3) 4. One for the road, it might be. (4) Road. 5. The Queen is one of them. (9) Queens. 6. It's a little fellow. (8) Dwarf. 7. It's an opinion. (6) Opinion. 8. We live around here. (6) Here. 9. You do this when the joint's a little loose. (6) Loosen. 10. Lord Lark has a sign for the month in which you were born. (4) May. 11. They come from the East, seven times a week. (6) East. 12. The doctor advises the sleep. (6) Sleep. 13. Please do this, says the board. (4) Do. Down: 1. This doesn't HAVE to be done by someone from Warsaw. (6) Warsaw. 2. This old card game goes underground in London with a baker. (8) Bakers. 3. Found and shillings follow. (6) Shillings. 4. Edward's a little fellow. (8) Dwarf. 5. It's an opinion. (6) Opinion. 6. We live around here. (6) Here. 7. You do this when the joint's a little loose. (6) Loosen. 8. Lord Lark has a sign for the month in which you were born. (4) May. 9. They come from the East, seven times a week. (6) East. 10. The doctor advises the sleep. (6) Sleep. 11. Please do this, says the board. (4) Do. 12. There's a branch in your one, say the advertiser. (4) Branch.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Be 'Conventional.'
Use Blackwood Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

MOST experienced players know the Blackwood convention. A bid of four no-trump, particularly when nobody has previously bid no-trump, asks partner how many aces he holds. With no aces, he responds five clubs; with one ace, five diamonds; with two aces, five hearts; and so on.

In today's hand, for example, South made a response of five hearts, thus showing two aces. North then went on to six hearts.

While we are on the subject, we might as well note the fact that North's jump to four no-trump was a gamble. South would surely have a slam with three aces and might have one with two aces, but it wasn't necessary for North to bid his partner's hand. If North simply jumped to four hearts, South would probably make a slam try of some kind with any hand that was likely to produce a slam.

NORTH (D) 17	
AKQJ1085	
AKJ7	
QJ	
WEST	
74	832
5	643
K1074	A932
Q98632	764
SOUTH	
A9	
Q1082	
93	
AJ10	
North-South vul.	
1 Pass 2 Pass	West
4 NT Pass 5 Pass	
6 NT Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♦ 4	

West didn't enjoy leading away from his king of diamonds. The bidding made it obvious, however, that North had a very good spade suit and a tremendous fit for hearts. The setting trick had to be won in diamonds and clubs, and the length of the clubs made it unlikely that a defensive trick could be established there.

East won the first trick with the ace of diamonds and then had to decide whether to return a diamond or a club. Did his partner have the king of diamonds or the ace of clubs?

It was actually no problem at all. South's response of five hearts to the Blackwood bid of four no-trump had indicated that South held two aces. It was clear that South held both of the black aces, so East promptly returned a diamond. West collected the setting trick gratefully, thus defeating North's overambitious slam bid.

CARD Sense

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North East South West
1 Diamond 1 Spade ?

You, South, hold: Spades 7-4-3, Hearts 9-5-2, Diamonds K-8-4-2, Clubs K-Q-5. What do you do?

A—Bid two diamonds. The free raise (made directly over an opponent's bid) shows respectable values. In this case, you have 8 points in high cards and 1 point extra for the king in partner's bid suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-3, Hearts 9-5-2, Diamonds K-8-4-2, Clubs A-Q-9-5. What do you do?

Answer tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. PETITE
Black, 12 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem: 1. K1-Q3 any, 2. R1-R3 or K1-R3.

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A New Kind of Sweater



Off-the-shoulder line of this new Dorville sweater-with-a-difference reveals a Capri-print shirt in black and white. The shirt makes an effective contrast to the strong yellow of the ribbed sweater.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Small rugs, especially on highly polished floors, present a skid hazard. A special preparation is available which may be put on the backs of rugs to keep them in place, or a cushion foundation may be laid under the rug to prevent skidding.

A skillfully arranged bowl of fruit makes an attractive centre-piece. Wax the fruit to bring out the colour and make it more decoratively bright.

To remove iron rust stain from a washable white fabric, sprinkle with salt, squeeze lemon juice on it, and set in the sun to dry. If stain persists, add more lemon juice. Rinse well.

She Rearranged Her Career To Accommodate Children

By ANNE HEYWOOD

MOTHERS of the how-virtuous - can - you - got type often tell me, bravely stifling their sobs, that "I adore my children, of course, but when I think of the sacrifices I've made..."

And then they tell me of their training, and their wonderful careers in business, or medicine, or law, or advertising or what-not, and add, "But of course, I had to give that all up. When you have children, you have no time to keep up with your interests, and your training just goes on the shelf."

Her old boss passed away, and she was one of the few who knew his techniques. When dentists asked for her help, she didn't refuse, but neither could she leave the house and children to go out.

"I told them," Mrs. Clarke explained, "that I'd love to help them, but they would have to come to my house. Then, after that, I would hire and train their new secretaries in the approved methods—and the secretaries would come to my house, too. Slightly inconvenient, but they were happy to co-operate."

"The extra money I make is very useful," Mrs. Clarke concluded, "you can do anything if you honestly want to do it."

WHY NOT REST AS YOU WORK?

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

IS your face "screwed-up," wrinkled, without apparent reason? Does your back ache? Do your feet hurt when you do housework? If any of these conditions annoy you, it's ten to one that you don't rest while you work. That may sound like a paradox, so I'll explain.

When most women pare vegetables, peel apples, iron, or clean silver, they stand up. And standing still in one spot tends to slow up circulation. At the same time, it exerts strain on the legs and feet, and so indirectly on the heart. The remedy is simple; sit whenever possible while doing household chores or carrying out cooking preparations.

The Right Height
But don't sit in a chair so low it's difficult to reach the table top—or on a stool too low for comfortable work at a kitchen counter.

Buy a kitchen stool with swing-away steps and a curved contour back for support and sitting comfort. The "step" of the stool takes weight from the feet and promotes relaxation. This helps to keep fatigue wrinkles off your face and gives you more working efficiency.

Dinner
Chopped Spinach Soup
Fish Fillets Sauté with Onions
Flaky Potatoes Mashed Turnips
Pineapple-Peach Torte
Coffee Tea Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Recipe Servs 4 to 6

Fish Fillets Sautéed with Onions: Use 1½ lbs. fresh or frozen ocean cod, haddock, flounder or halibut. Dust the fillets with a mixture of 2 tsp. enriched flour, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. monosodium glutamate and ¼ tsp. pepper. Sauté in shortening or vegetable oil, first on one side then the other, allowing 10-12 min. according to thickness. Meantime steam-sauté onions.

Pineapple-Peach Torte: Line a 9-in. pie plate with slightly sweetened rich pie-crust. Spoon in pineapple-pear filling. Top with rounds of pastry made from the pie crust remnants. Bake 30 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F.

Pineapple-Peach Filling: Add 1 c. boiling water to ½ lb. dried peaches. Cover and stand 1 hr. Then slow-cook until tender; mash thoroughly. Add ½ c. sugar, 1 tsp. quick-cooking tapioca, 1 c. drained minced pineapple, 2 tsp. pineapple juice, and 1 tsp. grated orange rind.

Trick of the Chef
Season mashed turnips with a little grated apple.

Tasty Dish Made From Leftover Ham

New York.

DISHES which can be prepared well ahead or require only a few minutes cooking time before serving are a blessing for the busy homemaker.

Such a dish is ham pie, which can be made from leftover ham.

The ham pies—they are sized for individual servings—can be assembled at your leisure, chilled, and baked just before serving.

The filling: Mix together ½ pound (1½ cups) ground cooked ham; ¼ cup mayonnaise; 2 tablespoons pickle relish; 1 tablespoon prepared mustard; 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, and ¼ teaspoon pepper.

The pastry: 2 cups sifted enriched flour; 1 teaspoon salt; 2/3 cup shortening; ¾ cup rolled oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked) and 1/3 cup cold water.

Sift together flour and salt into bowl. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Mix in rolled oats. Add water a little at a time, mixing lightly until pastry can be formed in a ball. Let stand for 5 minutes.

Divide in half, and roll out each half on a lightly-floured board to ½ inch thickness. Cut 8 circles about 4 inches in diameter from circles on an ungreased baking sheet and spread each with ham filling. Prick centres of remaining circles, lay over ham filling and seal edges by fluting. Bake in a hot oven (425 degrees) 20 to 25 minutes. Serve hot, topped with this sauce:

Mix 1 tin (10½ oz.) condensed celery soup and 2 tablespoons milk. Heat to boiling point and use immediately.

Yield—8 pies.—United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Visiting Story Book People

—They All Lived Just Back of the Bookcase—

By MAX TRELL

"HELLO, Mr. Merlin," said Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name.

"Hello, Knarf," said Mr. Merlin who was a magician.

Knarf and Mr. Merlin met in the Playroom late at night. Everyone else in the house was fast asleep.

Knarf was in his pyjamas for he had already been asleep in the corner of the Playroom when shadows almost always do their sleeping.

Dressed for Visiting

Mr. Merlin, however, was all dressed up in his best blue suit with the yellow stripes, his red vest and his black hat. "You look as though you're going someplace," Mr. Merlin," Knarf said.

"I am, indeed," said Mr. Merlin. "I'm going to visit some of my friends."

"But it's so late," said Knarf. "Aren't they all asleep?"

"Not these friends," said Mr. Merlin. "They're always awake. Why don't you come with me and we'll visit them together."

"I'm in my pyjamas," said Knarf.

"They won't mind a bit," said Mr. Merlin.

"But there's one other thing," said Knarf.

"What other thing is that, Knarf?" asked Mr. Merlin.

Knarf said: "Isn't it too cold to go outside just in my pyjamas?"

Odd Friends

"There's nothing to worry about," said Mr. Merlin. "All my friends live right here in this room."

standing in a row. They were all tall, narrow houses, and all with different colours.

Mr. Merlin knocked at the first door and out came a little girl in a pinafore. "Hello, Alice," said Mr. Merlin.

"It's Alice of Wonderland!" cried Knarf.

In the next house lived a famous sailor.

"Oh, I know you too!" said Knarf. "Your name is Sinbad!"

More Story Book Friends
In the house next to that lived Mary Poppins. In the fourth house lived Peter Pan. In the sixth house lived Mother Goose. In the seventh house lived Robinson Crusoe. In the eighth house lived Stuart Little. And in the ninth house lived Christopher Robin, Pooh Bear, Piglet and the others.

Mr. Merlin knocked at the door of the tenth house several times. But no one came.

"Why Mr. Merlin?" Knarf told the Magician, "nobody lives in that house. It's just a notebook without anything written on it."

But the most surprising book of all was the last book on the shelf. When the door opened a whole crowd of lions, tigers, monkeys, and elephants came swarming out.

"It's the Natural History Book!" Knarf shouted.



"Come right in," said Mr. Merlin to Knarf, the shadow-boy.

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Novel Idea for Earrings



SUMMER jewellery is light and gay and sprinkled with flowers. Here's a new idea for inexpensive earrings, for pierced ears.

You buy one pair of tiny straight gold pins, which pass through the ear and are kept in position with a small gold fastener at the back of the lobe.

This one pair of pins carries different types of ornament, which can be changed around at will. Eva Melova has sketched a pink moss rose for summer evening wear.

Separately you see two of the alternative decorations: large metal pansies and small gilt "drops."

—Eileen Ascroft

"Crazy" Pants of Teenagers Go Crazier

New York.

Those, slim-cut, colourful pants the teen-agers love are getting crazier by the season.

The latest "crazy" pants fairly scream with bright pink and red tiger, zebra, and zebra stripes. Some of the recent ones are decorated with outrageous fish prints and dollar-size coin dots.

Even the tot-size children are taking to the "fad." And although mothers may have to wear "blinders" when the children are in the store, they, in this case, lose the pants, most of them are so well-cut and -dressed, and so well-made, that they are a credit to the fashion industry.

United Press.

A new story

Rupert and the Space Ship

Rupert

and the

Space Ship

United Press.

KITCHEE 0, ARMY 0

OUTSTANDING DISPLAY BY KITCHEE GOALKEEPER SPLIT TWO POINTS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

What is the secret combination of Army forwards and floodlights that inspires Kitchee goalkeepers to turn in brilliant displays between the posts. At the beginning of March young Jimmy Cheung thrilled friend and foe alike with a series of spell binding saves . . . and on Saturday night, in the Colony's first-ever floodlight League match, Cheung Koon-hing defied the Army's eager forwards time and again with neck or nothing clearances.

That the game finished in a goalless draw was due to an outstanding display by the Kitchee goalkeeper. During a spell of Army pressure in the first half he threw himself across the goal to push away a flashing drive that appeared to have him well beaten.

Midway through the second half he was caught on the wrong foot when Lunnion snatched in a terrific 25-yarder, but in some miraculous way he managed to get his right hand to the ball and deflect it over the bar.

It was a thrilling piece of goalkeeping and the fact that Granger in the opposite goal was giving Cheung a hearty hand clap was not lost on the Chinese fans behind the goal and they, in turn, gave the Army keeper a shout of appreciation.

Army and Kitchee have met on three occasions this season and each meeting has provided a first-class game. It would seem that the style of play of the two sides are the ideal contributions to a fast open game, and the big crowd of around 8,000 which braved the threatening weather was well rewarded for its courage.

GRAND GAME

This was a grand game to watch and if the soldiers could have found a little more punch up front they must have won the points.

During the first half the Army did most of the attacking, but

only Bennett of the forwards was really dangerous. Reeves was strangely quiet and after Lunnion was injured the right wing faded out.

At the other end Ho Ying-tun, Hau Ching-to, and the fast and clever King Lok-sang were often on the move, but with Fraser having a great name in the middle and Wells playing with confidence in the unusual position of right back, the Kitchee forward line did not get too close to Granger.

Chu Wing-keung schemed and plotted, but his mates just could not find a way past Fraser.

Midway through the half play was centred round the Army end and Ho Ying-tun cut the ball accurately across the face of the goal.

Granger cut it out and threw it quickly to Higgins. The left half pushed it upfield, and out of a crowd of players Bennett suddenly swung round and cracked the ball wide of Cheung Koon-hing only to see it come crashing back off the left hand post. This was a let-off for the Shield holders, but the brilliant clearances of their goalkeeper

immediately afterwards was defensive play at its very best. For a time in the second half Kitchee applied heavy pressure without getting a goal, and the Army defence survived the onslaught which included a misty, but surely accidental, injury to Granger.

The soldier launched a determined clearing attack and now it was the turn of Lee Ping-chui and Louis C. Ping to show their capabilities as defenders, and this part, and little Chou Man-chi, assisted by another brilliant Chung Koon-hing save from Bennett, held out until the final whistle.

FAST AND CLEAN

In a game which was refreshingly fast and clean Cheung Koon-hing stands out as the Kitchee star but he would be the first to acknowledge the fine assistance he got from two fine backs and a grand defensive centre-half in front of him.

Chu Wing-keung had another delightful game in the Kitchee half back line and his tenacious tackling and inch-perfect passing frequently stopped and turned the soldiers in their tracks.

Hau Ching-to and Ho Ying-tun were fast and clever wingers but King Lok-sang, who was very unlucky when a well placed drive came back off a post late in the game, was well watched by Fraser. Newcomer Riley in the Army side again played well and showed keen judgment in going into the tackle against the experienced Ho Ying-tun.

Granger dealt with what came his way in his usual clean cut style and Wells again demonstrated his versatility with a first rate display in the right back position. Fraser was the No. 1 soldier and had a grand game, while Higgins, at left half, was always forcing the game along.

Bennett in his last game in the Colony was in top form and was very unlucky not to score on two occasions. Lunnion did little of note after his injury although he very nearly won the game with his great second half shot. Thomas improved later on but neither Luckton nor Reeves, in the inside berths played as they can.

VERDICT: The MacTavish topper is off to Kitchee's grand goalkeeper. . . this was his point. . . The lighting was very good with only one bad patch near the clubhouse end. Our memories of the occasion will be of a grand game, a correct result, and some very good refereeing by Mr. Willocks. His co-operation with his linesmen was excellent. . . and he used the advantage rule to advantage. . . and that is how it is intended to be used.

Second Empire Games Bowls Trial Today

Weather permitting, the second trial to choose the Colony's lawn bowls team to represent Hongkong at the British Empire Games in Vancouver will be held at the Police Recreation Club today, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather the trial will be held tomorrow. Participants are requested to check from the Police Recreation Club if play is possible today in case of uncertain weather.

The following have been chosen for today's trial: Jack Chubb (KCC), A. E. Coates (CCC), K. L. Lee (Recreio) and J. V. F. Ribeiro (Recreio) (skip) vs. M. B. Hassan (IRC), A. A. Lopes (Recreio), E. S. Goulay (KCC) and J. L. Lee (Recreio) (skip) vs. T. E. Baker (KCC), G. A. Souza (CCC), and J. S. Leland (CCC) (skip) vs. G. King Choy (CCC), E. A. Bannister (KCC), A. M. O'Neil (IRC) and C. Simpson (KCC) (skip).

DERBY CANDIDATE



Mr. J. E. Ferguson's Arabian Night (T. Goaling up) is one of the candidates for this year's Derby to be run at Epsom on June 2. It was quoted at 28-1 at the last Victoria Club callover.—Central Press Photo.

WITH IAAF APPROVAL

No National Anthems To Be Played At European Athletic Championships

Fanfares, sounded by heralds in mediaeval costumes, will replace the customary playing of national anthems at the opening, closing and winner's honouring ceremony of the 1954 European Track and Field Championships here this summer.

The unprecedented decision of the organisers to ban the playing of national anthems as a "contribution towards the elimination of unhealthy nationalism from the sports movement" has been met with a mixed reception by international athletics officials and outright opposition from many athletes.

But the IAAF has already approved the decision of the Swiss organisers and there will definitely be no God Save the Queen, Deutschlandlied or Marseillaise during the five-day meet.

"It was the greatest moment of my life when my national anthem was played after my victory in the walking contest of the last European Athletics Championships in Brussels," said Switzerland's top track athlete, Fritz Schwab. "As an athlete, sportsman and patriot, I strongly disapprove of the measure taken by the organisers."

Similar statements have been made by other European athletes. This is what Walter Lutz, one of the initiators and spokesmen for the organisers, has to say in reply:

"Unhealthy nationalism has to be eliminated from the sports movement. Besides, the European Athletic Championships are an individual and not a team contest. If Emil Zatopek wins a race, it is Mr. Zatopek and not Czechoslovakia that has won it. Thus, we sound a fanfare to honour Mr. Zatopek — but there is no reason to play the Czech anthem."

THINK DIFFERENTLY

But there are many who think differently. Max Dana, Chairman of the West German Athletics Federation, said his organisation was "deploring" the elimination of the playing of national anthems from the ceremony honouring the new champions.

"A substantial part has been eliminated from the winner's honouring ceremony which used to be a special climax of sports festivals," said Dana, recalling that Joy Barthel of Italy, Luxembourg was "crying with pride" when the national anthem of his country was played after he had won the 1,500 Metres run in the 1952 Olympics.

The tears, streaming down Barthel's face as the anthem was being played, gave proof of his "love for his fatherland which is inherent in every man," Dana said.

In France, athletics officials deemed the decision of the Swiss organisers "not very important" and said all the fault they could find with it was that a suppression of normal reactions could lead to an increase of the glorifying of the champion himself.

But hints of French officials that the Swiss decision might be a move to avoid possible incidents during the playing of a Communist national anthem in a country that puts neutrality above anything else was hotly denied by Lutz.

DISCIPLINED ENOUGH

"Swiss sporting crowds are disciplined enough to honour any national anthem by taking off their hats, rising to their feet and remaining silent till the last note has been sounded," he said.

Norwegian sports circles said the ban was a "step towards a better understanding of the idea behind sport." They proposed a compromise tried out successfully at their famous Holmenkollen sliding competitions—that the national anthems of all competing countries be played regardless of the winner.

In neighbouring Sweden, track and field officials solidly backed the Swiss, adding—with

Berne, May 23.

an eye to the fact that Russia will send the strongest team ever delegated to a European Athletic Championship—that it might be "trying" to hear the same anthem again and again.

The Finns were considering the ban "unusual" but, with typical Scandinavian common sense, pointed out that it is "the results and not the music" that count. However, one Finnish official said the decision of the Swiss organisers was taking some of the solemnity of the Olympic Games from the European meet.

Rudolf Haldegger, Honorary Chairman of Vienna's Track and Field Association, rounded out the comments with what seemed to be the final word about the problem: "Each athlete is fond of competing for his country. I am against exaggerated nationalism in sports—but not against national anthems which any winner of an international title would like to be played for himself and his country." Haldegger is himself a former top athlete.—United Press.

Another Dispute Touched Off At Melbourne

Melbourne, May 23. Another Olympic Games dispute was touched off by the State Government by dismissing representatives of all amateur sporting bodies controlling the management of Olympic Park today.

These representatives will be replaced by delegates from the Federal and State Governments and the Melbourne City Council, which is providing a total of \$200,000 (Australian) to prepare the Olympic Park Stadium for the 1956 Olympic Games.

Mr. W. T. Uren, an executive member of the Organising Committee for the Olympic Programmes, said the conditions under which Melbourne had been given the games had been broken. They had been given one condition, that they should be conducted for the benefit of amateur sport.

"It now seems that amateurs will even lose what they had in the first place," Mr. Uren commented.—United Press.

LEAGUE BOWLS

POLICE EARN MORE THAN TWO BOTTLES OF WHISKY

By "ARGONAUT"

The Police Recreation Club First Division team easily emerged out of the week-end's Lawn Bowls League matches as the team of the week.

They not only halted Recreio Whites' string of successes by scoring an upset 4-1 triumph over their opponents, but achieved a rare feat when their rink of G. Watt, J. Goodman, W. Hollands and Ken Bodie ran up a six on the 12th head of their match against A. A. G. Silva, C. M. Silva, G. A. Noronha and C. Danenberg, and followed this up with an eight on the next head.

There have been a few "eighties" since the League started, but 14 shots on two heads easily constitute a record.

The Recreio "Whites" started off confidently and held a five-shot lead on the three rinks at the end of the 7th head.

DISASTER STRUCK

Disaster struck them on the 8th head when Perkins' rink took off a four from Lopes' four. This was immediately followed by another piece of bad luck on the part of the Recreio bowlers when Marques, with a lie of three, protected an opposing wood for second shot in this attempt to draw the fourth shot.

Then came the climax of the afternoon's game. That it is better to be through than short in lawn bowls was never better illustrated than in the game between the rinks skipped by Bodie and Danenberg.

After bowling yards through throughout the first few heads, Bodie's front man gave him five woods just behind the back on the 12th head. With two chances of either resting the jack-high first shot or trailing the jack, Bodie succeeded in taking the jack about a foot with his last wood to give his side a count of six.

On the 13th head, Watt laid two good shots just about a foot behind the jack. Goodman added another two also slightly behind. Hollands, coming from the backhand, shifted the jack slightly to the right, giving his side a count of five all on the backhand side with not a single wood on the forehand side of the jack.

He drew into his own group of woods for the sixth shot, after Noronha, coming on the forehand had just gone through between two opposing woods.

Bodie kept on pulling another shot from the backhand. Danenberg tried to draw from the open forehand but, after getting a perfect green, dropped almost a yard short.

Bodie put in the eighth shot from the backhand and Danenberg, still trying to draw from the forehand, improved only by a few inches on his first delivery to concede an eight to his opponents.

From then on both Bodie's and Hayward's rinks forged ahead to comfortable wins, conceding Recreio their only point when Lopes just edged out Perkins by 20-18.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Recreio "Blues"	8	3	0	0	10
Recreio "Whites"	3	2	0	1	10
CCC	2	1	0	1	7
IRC	2	1	0	2	6
KCC	1	1	0	4	4
PC	1	0	0	1	2
KDC	3	0	0	2	2
KBGC	1	0	0	1	0

Second Division	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Recreio	3	2	0	1	11
KCC	2	2	0	0	0
HKFC	3	2	0	1	8½
IRC	2	2	0	0	8
KBGC	2	2	0	0	8½

Centenary Bowls Match Postponed

The Lawn Bowls match between Park and Present members part of the Defence Force Centenary Celebrations, which was scheduled to take place yesterday at Rowdon Bowling Green Club, was postponed owing to the heavy rain in the afternoon.

The date for the match will be notified later.

Sir Gordon Will Ride In The Derby

Salisbury, May 22.

Sir Gordon Richards, Britain's leading jockey, said today he will ride the Queen's horse, Landau, in the Derby on June 2.

The horse's trainer, Mr. Noel Murless, also announced this shortly after Sir Gordon left hospital here, where he has been recovering from injuries received in a fall from a horse last Wednesday.

Before he left hospital by ambulance from his Marlborough home, Sir Gordon was asked if he would be all right for the Derby, Britain's biggest race of the year.

"Yes, of course, I will," he replied.

He is expected to see a doctor for check-up in the next few days.—Router.

Mulloy Beats Lewis Hoad

Paris, May 23.

Lewis Hoad (Australia), 19, the Number One seed and favourite for the French Singles Lawn Tennis Championship, was eliminated today in the fourth round of the event by Gardner Mulloy, approaching 40, sometimes referred to as the "veteran of American tennis."

Mulloy gave a tennis lesson to his young rival, who only once looked like taking control. That was in the second set when he came from 0-2 to win six games in a row to level at set all. Then, however, Mulloy, with brilliant passing shots and sound services, swept the youngster off the court to win 6-2, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Hoad's net play did not function. Time and again he netted volleys and was frequently left standing by Mulloy's passing shots.

America has five men in the last eight in the Men's Singles and Australia so far only one. But Ken Rosewall may join Mervyn Rose as his match with Sven Davidson (Sweden) was postponed today owing to rain.

Enrique Morea (Argentina) is the other quarter-finalist and the order of play for the next round will be: Tony Trabert (USA), Mervyn Rose (Australia), Ken Rosewall (Australia) or Sven Davidson (Sweden), Budgie Patty (USA), Art Larsen (USA), Vic Seixas (USA), Enrique Morea (Argentina), Gardner Mulloy (USA).

Seixas survived a grim five-setter against Rex Hartwig (Australia) while Amarilis Trovati (Egypt), who seems slated to play similarly extended battles, had another today and tied notably against Larsen to win only one game in the deciding.—Router.

HUNGARY BEATS ENGLAND 7-1 AT BUDAPEST

Budapest, May 23.

England suffered her heaviest defeat in international football today when she was beaten 7-1 by Hungary, the Olympic champions, at the People's Stadium.

It was a repetition of the 6-3 Wembley debacle with the English defence outplayed, outmanoeuvred and thoroughly bewildered by the copy-book precision of the brilliant Hungarian attacks.

What faint hope the demoralised England side had of making up a half-time deficit of 3-0 were completely shut out by an irresistible second half spell of three goals in four minutes.

England's previous heavy defeats were 7-2 by Scotland at

Glasgow in 1978 and 6-1 also by Scotland at the Oval in 1991.

ALL THE ATTACKING

Hungary scored three goals in the first half of the "match of the century."

They got the first from a free kick by Lantos, their left-back, in the tenth minute.

Puskas scored their second after 21 minutes and the third came through Kocsis eight minutes later.

Hungary had won the toss and they did all the attacking in the first few minutes.

The Hungarians received a great ovation when they took the field after the interval. They seemed to be taking things rather easily at this stage and with Sewell and Brodie changing positions rapidly there was much more stuff in the English attack.

The record crowd of 92,000 who had paid about £42,000 went wild with excitement as the final whistle ended a magnificent display which must make Hungary warm favourites to win the World Cup in Switzerland this Summer.

The Hungarian players, after receiving the congratulations of the English team, ran up to the Tribune of Honour to salute their country's leaders. Then, beaming with joy they trotted to the dressing room to resounding cheers from the crowd.

It had been a fine sporting game, fast and spirited, but without the slightest ill-feeling.—Router.

URUGUAY HELD

Lausanne, May 23. Uruguay, holders of the world soccer championship, drew 3-3 with Switzerland in an international match today.

The teams were level 1-1 at half-time.—Router.

ENGLAND "B" LOSE

Bale, May 22. Switzerland beat England by two goals to nil in a "B" international soccer match here tonight. They scored a goal in each half of the match, which was watched by about 14,000 spectators.

The England side showed all changes from that which was beaten 3-1 by Yugoslavia in the "A" international last Sunday.—Router.

66-To-1 Shot Wins The Japanese Derby

Tokyo, May 23.

Golden Wave, a 66 to 1 long shot, appeared like a bolt of lightning on the stretch to win the 21st running of Japan's annual Derby today. The time was 2:34.2.

One hundred thousand fans, who turned out at the Fuchu race tracks in light rain, watched thunderstruck as the lightly regarded horse beat the cream of the country's three-year-olds to a thrilling finish to the mile and a half classic.

Takao, pride of Tokyo and No. 2 favourite, was second—three lengths behind—with Minemasa, from Osaka, third.—United Press.

BELGIAN QUITS AGAINST NINO VALDES

Brussels, May 22.

Nino Valdes, the Cub heavyweight, beat Karel Sys of Belgium in their bout here tonight when the Belgian retired in the fourth round.

The contest was described as an elimination fight for the world heavyweight championship. Spectators booed loudly as 40-year-old Sys raised his opponent's arm in the middle of the fourth round and walked to his corner.

In the two preceding rounds, Valdes had begun to punish Sys about the head and body and showed him down considerably. The Belgian looked as if he would quit until the referee intervened.—Router.

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Indonesia's Foreign Exchange Supply Drifts Lower

Djakarta, May 23.

Indonesia's supply of foreign exchange has dwindled to dangerously near the legal minimum. At its worst the situation could bring inflation and topple the present administration. On the other hand the crisis could dissolve virtually unnoticed.

The Bank of Indonesia statement for May 12 showed that gold and other convertible foreign exchange covered only 20.35 per cent of the money in circulation. The previous week the foreign exchange coverage was 20.9 per cent.

It seems almost certain to drop below the 20 per cent mark within two weeks.

The laws governing the Bank of Indonesia, the nation's national bank, say the foreign exchange coverage cannot drop below 20 per cent. But that minimum can be set aside for three months by a decree of the Monetary Board. That is what will probably take place in Djakarta soon.

The Monetary Board is composed of the Finance Minister, the Economic Minister and the Governor of the Bank of Indonesia.

After the three-month "emergency" period the Board

can under Indonesian law go to Parliament and request legislation covering the legal minimum of foreign exchange coverage.

INFLATION PREDICTED

Government opponents have been predicting that inflation would result from the foreign exchange situation.

But as the coverage hovered near the 20 per cent mark no uneasiness could be detected among the public. Banking circles, particularly the conservative Dutch, were restless but consumers seemed unconcerned.

The Moslem holiday Lebaran comes up at the end of this month and workers, their pockets filled with traditional bonuses and enjoying traditional vacations, will as in the past flock to the stores for heavy buying of personal goods. Therefore, an upswing in consumer sales will not mean public mistrust of the currency. Actually the value of the rupiah has strengthened a little as the foreign exchange coverage dropped the past few weeks.

Three weeks ago one American dollar was worth more than 30 rupiahs in New York. Today it is worth only 28. In Djakarta, an American dollar three weeks ago brought 20 or 27 rupiahs on the open market. Today it brings only 23 or at the most 24. The legal rate is 11.4 rupiahs to the dollar.

HITLER'S COFFEES EMPTY

Although most nations prefer to operate with a foreign exchange coverage of well above 20 per cent, most of them at a minimum of 40 per cent. It is not always true that financial ruin follows a crucial shortage of gold dollars and other foreign exchange.

Hitler's Reichstag, for example, operated successfully for years with a foreign exchange supply of almost nothing.

The Indonesian Government, aware for months of its rapidly dwindling supply of foreign exchange, has been guarding it closely lately.

Foreign exchange permits have become increasingly difficult to get. A tax of 66-2/3rds. per cent has been levied on some transfers of money abroad. In general it is only the Government agencies which can still get foreign exchange for their rupiahs without too much difficulty.

Indonesia's shortage of foreign exchange, observers say, can be traced to three factors:

1. The drop in rubber purchases by the United States;
2. Her desire for a national economy;
3. The great need of a "raw materials" country for finished products.—United Press.

Plea For Warning On Smoking

London, May 23. A suggestion that the Ministry of Health should launch a nation-wide campaign to dissuade young people from starting to smoke is advanced by "Medical World" today.

The family doctor, too, it is suggested, should take positive steps to the same end. Acting on the hypothesis that prolonged smoking is a major cause of lung cancer, the medical journal, which circulates among thousands of general practitioners, says that the individual doctor has a clear duty to point out to young patients and their parents that to acquire the habit of smoking over 25 cigarettes a day is to shorten the odds of dying from lung cancer before the age of 55 from one in 1,000 to one in 50.

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"Inside Secret" Of The Royal Yacht



This picture, the first to show the interior of the new Royal yacht Britannia, was taken last week as the ship lay at Battle Bridge Pier in the Pool of London, her berth since she arrived after being the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh home from the Royal tour. The 4,715-ton Britannia, built at John Brown's shipyard, Clydebank, at a cost of £2,100,000, is designed for use as a hospital ship in wartime. She is 412ft. long overall, with a maximum beam of 53ft., and has a continuous sea-going speed of 21 knots. Her range at 10 knots is 2,400 miles. Accommodation for the Royal party and staff is left and for the ship's company forward.

The Queen and her husband took a close interest in the decoration and furnishing. This picture shows the Queen's drawing-room in the Britannia.

HONDURAS WANTS INDEPENDENCE

Anti-British Colonialism, But Also Strongly Anti-Communist

Belize, British Honduras, May 23.

Outwardly, the People's United Party, which won a sweeping victory in the recent elections in British Honduras, is the antithesis of the People's Progressive Party of British Guiana in everything except violent anti-British colonialism.

Originating in the "Christian Labour" teachings of the Jesuit fathers in British Honduras, all the members of the People's United Party are practising Catholics. Its "golden boy," Mr George Price, a thin, fanatical ascetic, at one time studied for the priesthood.

Members of the party strongly resent any suggestion that the party has Communist leanings and point to their programme statement: "We oppose Communism as a conspiracy against freedom, democracy and religion and as offering no solution to economic problems."

Party leaders still deny the charges of contact with Guatemala's near-Communist Government, though most of these accusations were upheld by Sir Ronald Sharpe, the Special Commissioner appointed by London to investigate the matter.

British officials in Belize are sure that the Commissioner's findings were correct. They suggest, however, that the People's United Party's contact with Guatemala has been opportunistic on both sides and has now been discontinued.

This school of thought believes that the Guatemalans, who have long claimed British Honduras as a "lost province," saw a chance to further their ambitions through this party. When they realised that the party was actually intensely nationalistic and opposed to foreign rule, whether Guatemalan or British, they lost interest in it.

The People's United Party, it is suggested, was anxious for support from any source in its early stages, but grew wary when it realised that the Guatemalans hoped to further their annexation claims.

The Governor, Mr Patrick Muir Renison, told correspondents just before the elections in which the People's United Party swept the polls and won a clear majority in the Legislative Assembly, that he was sure that there had been no foreign intervention during the four-months' campaign.

American Teachers

The influence of the Jesuit fathers of St John's College, in Belize, on both the People's United Party and the people of British Honduras, which is 85 per cent Catholic, is generally agreed to be widespread.

Teachers at the College, principally Americans, with one or two Irish, began an adult labour course in 1947, teaching the theory and history of trade unionism and encouraging the formation of credit unions.

In 1948, the men who attended this school formed the General Workers' Union and in 1950 the People's United Party. The General Workers' Union and the People's United Party have interlocking leadership.

Father A. S. Knapp, Superior of the Order in the Colony, and Father John Kramer, who is

head of the labour school, deny that there is any political teaching at the College.

Father Kramer said that he in fact actively teaches that politics and trade unionism do not mix. He explained that he used the example of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labour as organisations which have successfully avoided politics.

Mr Price commented that the General Workers' Union leaders themselves decided that their aims could best be achieved through a political party, and founded the People's United Party.

An official statement of aims by the College's labour school says: "There is discussion of matters vital to employer and employee. The social and economic errors of Communism are highlighted along with the equally pernicious doctrine and principles of economic individualism."

Mr Price is President of the College's Alumni (old boys) Association and visits his former teachers several times a week. A deeply religious man, he always opens and closes political meetings with five-minute prayers, often of a semi-political nature. His speeches are studded with references to achieving self-government "by Christian methods."

Mr Leigh Richardson, the leader of the party, and Mr Philip Goldson, the two next most influential members of the party, are converts to Catholicism. Both say that they decided to join the Church after studying the famous "Labour Encyclical" of Pope Leo XIII, which defined the Church's attitude towards trade unionism.

The Colonial Government subsidises denominational schools, including the College, and the Jesuits express gratitude for this help.

The leaders of the People's United Party are bitterly anti-British and anti-colonialist. But they say that they will try to co-operate with the Governor in the next few years since they are determined to achieve self-government by constitutional means.

Mr Richardson stated shortly after the elections: "We want to

get rid of the British in the sense that all colonialists want to get rid of their masters. But we shall try to work with them for the time being."

Will Take Oath

They say they will take the oath of allegiance to the Crown required of members of the Assembly, and that there will be no repetition of the 1952 incident when People's United Party members of the Belize City Council objected to a Royal portrait being hung in the City Hall.

One of the documents brought into evidence during the Sharpe enquiry in April, which was found by the Commissioner to be partly plans for winning power. It said that the principal objective of the party was to win self-government by suppressing colonialism, but that the colonial system makes impossible any violent attempt against the status quo.

The party, the document added, had decided to adopt a process of evolution, at times "even disregarding unjust laws," and to seek the support of international bodies, especially the United Nations. At the time the document was written, in 1952, party supporters always flew a United Nations and a United States flag at their meetings, which ended with singing "God Bless America."

This enthusiasm for the United States seems to have faded since the Caracas Inter-American Conference in March, at which the United States stand on colonialism did not please leaders of the People's United Party.

British officials here do not believe that there will be any attempt to overthrow the Colonial government by force, as was feared in British Guiana. They believe that the determination of the People's United Party leaders to avoid any revolutionary activity was reinforced by the deposition of the People's Progressive Party in Guiana and the consequent setback there to the achievement of self-government.

These officials think that some of the lesser leaders of the People's United Party might accept Communism if it appeared in British Honduras. But they consider that there is little danger of this as long as the present top leaders keep control.—China Mail Special.

New Profit-Sharing Scheme For I.C.I. Employees

From Our Own Correspondent

London, May 23.

In deciding to start a profit-sharing scheme for employees, Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd has given the principle of co-partnership in industry its biggest boost to date.

Under the proposed scheme some 75,000 of I.C.I.'s total labour force of 107,000 will become shareholders in this £439 million concern and thus, it is hoped, "feel that they have a stake of substance in the fortunes of the company which they will wish to retain."

Employees will, in fact, be able to choose between retaining their shareholding or selling it for cash on the Stock Exchange. And that is the most important difference between the I.C.I. co-partnership scheme and those operated by other concerns.

An employee's share in the profit will vary according to his salary and the amount paid by the company in ordinary dividends. One per cent of his gross annual salary will be paid to trustees for each one per cent by which the ordinary dividend exceeds five per cent. The money after deduction of tax at the appropriate rate will be used by trustees to buy newly issued shares on his behalf at current market prices. Dividends on these will accumulate for the purchase of further shares.

The scheme comes into operation after the 100 per cent scrip issue which will increase the company's ordinary capital to more than £140 million. Assuming

the dividend is maintained at the present rate the scheme will cost £1 million a year and will involve the issue of about 500,000 ordinary shares for employees each year.

When an employee has £25 of stock to his credit it will be transferred to his name. He may then either sell it at the ruling market price or retain it in which case, of course, it will earn a dividend at the current rate.

If the dividend is maintained at the present rate it will take about four years for an employee earning £500 a year to accumulate 25 £1 units.

"WRONG PRINCIPLE"

This scheme has been welcomed in financial circles though not without reservation. The Financial Editor of the Manchester Guardian anticipating the initial reaction of existing stockholders said "in principle it is perhaps wrong that ordinary capital should be 'watered down' in this way and the plan to distribute ordinary stock among workers can only mean more recipients for the Company's earnings."

There are however at least three reasons for believing stockholders will on reflection give their blessing to the scheme.

The chemical industry, of which I.C.I. is by far the most important single component, is on the Stock Exchange's short list for nationalisation. The raising of 75,000 employees to the status of shareholders may not remove that threat but it will, it is argued, give opponents of nationalisation the support of a considerable body of "inside" opinion if and when the Socialists are in a position to carry it out.

The second reason why stockholders' approval of the scheme should be readily forthcoming has more immediate importance. As the London Financial Times pointed out, profit-sharing is no substitute for good wages and working conditions nor for good relations in industry. But though no panacea it could be a very useful tool in industry.

INSIGNIFICANT

"In the first place," the paper said, "where there is a basis of mutual trust between workers and management, it is a means (not necessarily the only means) of bringing two sides closer together, of profiting employees more directly from the success of the firm...in the second place such schemes can do much to widen the basis of share ownership in this country and thus create a genuine property-owning democracy."

These arguments won't be lost on the existing I.C.I. shareholders but being for the most part businessmen and human to boot they will probably be even more impressed by the third argument in favour of accepting the scheme—that the effect of "watering down" ordinary capital will be insignificant.

For as "Lex" the Financial Times investment expert observed the 500,000 shares a year that may be issued compare with 140 million which will already be in existence. However, by its nature the growth of the scheme must always be in step with the growth of the business and of the public investors' return.

Both employees and shareholders should therefore welcome the scheme. But interest in it won't be confined to those immediately concerned.

Workers and managements all over the country will study it closely. For though not the first in the field, I.C.I. is the largest concern to embrace co-partnership—and what's good for I.C.I. may be equally good for other companies.

75,000 Will Become Shareholders

Warning On Investment In Britain

London, May 23. A Treasury economic review said today that industrial investment in Germany and the United States had risen in recent years but had shown little change in Britain.

A monthly "Bulletin for Industry" explained that investment in Britain had been limited by steel shortages, the defence programme and the need to boost engineering exports. But it warned: "An adequate level of industrial investment is essential to enable us to take advantage of the expanding world market."

It also said that production was running well above last year's figures, which meant a larger consumption of some imported materials.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$292,748.00. Non-quotations and the morning's dealings—SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES BANKS

East Asia	1	5	1025
INSURANCES			
Lombard			
Union Xid	46	850	20
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Ward	63		
President			
(O)	12		
W. Welch		7	1000
AND ETC.			0.65
HK Hotel	118	5.30	
HK Land	533		
	Rm	28 1/2	
S'hai Land	14		
Realty		2	1000
UTILITIES			1.25
Tram	24.80	25	700
			100
Star Ferry	130		24.00
C. Light (O)	141.20		
C. Light (N)	10.90	141.20	
Electric	27.70	23	
		725	25
		500	27.50
		905	27.50
Telephone	24.80		
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement			
TORRE ETC.	10 1/2		
Dairy	22.40	22.70	1572
Watson		17.20	0.25 1/2
MUSCANEUS			
Yangtze	0.05	0.95	
Yuanhai		161	

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MONDAY, MAY 24, 1954.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A Case Of Measles

MEASLES, which most children take in their stride, can be an unpleasant illness for adults, and Deborah knew this. So when word reached her at her home in Ireland, that one of her grown-up daughters, the one that lived in Manchester, had gone down with that disease, instinctively told Deborah what she must do.

She packed her 11-year-old boy off to his boarding-school, and hastily made arrangements to go to her daughter's bedside. It seemed at the time the luckiest thing that the call from Manchester should come just when the boy's holidays were over, for he had been still at home. Deborah could hardly have left him. It seemed lucky at the time that things fell out thus, but it cannot seem so to Deborah now.

TIME TO SPARE

DEBORAH hurried from Ireland and crossed to Manchester, and there she was told at the hospital that she would have to wait for some days before she could see her daughter.

To pass the time of waiting away, Deborah decided to make an excursion to London. She came down the other day and made at once for the great stores in Oxford Street and Regent Street that were all wonderfully gay with their spring displays. And on that very first morning, at her first visit there, Deborah met a respectable woman of 50, married for 23 years, and with a blameless life behind her, discovered in herself a new skill as a shoplifter.

THIRD TIME

AT one shop, she stole three hats, and was not seen to take them. At another she took ten handkerchiefs, three pairs of gloves, six bottles of perfume and a hairbrush, two neckties and a comb, two bracelets, a brooch, a pair of sunglasses. And she was not seen to take any of these.

Deborah went to a third shop, and there she stole a bag priced at 15s. 6d. That was her undoing, for this time she was seen to steal.

"Excuse me, madam," a store detective said, as Deborah reached the street, "but that bag is mine."

UNLUCKY

"DO you mean to say," asked Mr. Paul Bennett, VC, the Marlborough Street magistrate, next morning, "that if she had not taken the bag she would not have been caught?"

"That is so, sir," said the police officer in charge of Deborah's case.

She, from the dock, had pleaded guilty to stealing the bag and asked for her other thefts to be taken into consideration. Now, as the story was told Deborah stood, a big woman, hatless, with grey-streaked hair and a country-woman's complexion, trembling and half sobbing.

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate asked her, sternly.

MY FIRST OFFENCE

THE goiter, acting as amplifier to her whispers, repeated: "She says she's very sorry. She doesn't know why she did it. It's her first offence." "Well, I don't understand this type of case, in spite of 32 years' experience of the law," said Mr. Bennett. He sighed as if in despair of ever discovering what it was that in an instant could turn a good woman into a thief. "One thing is clear," he said. "Our courts have a duty. You must go to prison for one month."

Deborah seemed to freeze where she stood in the dock. The goiter put an arm about her and took her away, still stiff, erect, expressionless, like a broken-down automaton or a lay figure from some shop's window display. Later, she would comprehend what had happened to her. Later, in a cell at Holloway.

KOWLOON FIRE

3 Dead; 9 Suffer
Stab Wounds

A man who has been detained by the Police is believed to have caused the death of a woman and two children and the setting fire of a three-storey Chinese tenement building at 81, Castle Peak Road, Sham-shui-po early this morning.

The Fire Brigade received a call at 4.10 a.m. and five fire appliances and two ambulances were despatched to the scene. The fire was under control by 4.50 and completely extinguished by 6 o'clock.

Division Office, V.C. Seymour, assisted by Chinese firemen, succeeded in rescuing one woman and two children from the first floor of the blazing building.

But after the fire had been put out the dead bodies of a woman and two children were found among the debris. Nine residents of the tenement were taken to Kowloon Hospital in ambulances, all suffering from stab wounds believed to have been inflicted with a file.

Seven were later discharged and two detained for further treatment.

Police and the Fire Brigade are investigating the cause of the fire and the wounds sustained by the nine victims.

Police detained a man this morning and he is appearing in the Kowloon Court this afternoon.

Funeral Of Troopship Engineer

The funeral of Mr. H. J. Lawton, MBE, Chief Engineer Officer of the troopship Dunera who died here last Saturday after a month's illness, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, this morning. The Rev. Father P. J. Howatson, SJ, Chaplain Apostleship of the Sea, officiated at the chapel and at the graveside.

The chief mourner was the widow who flew out from England to be with her husband during his illness.

The late Mr. Lawton, 53, had been with the P. & O. Company for 30 years and was fourth in seniority of the engineers.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. S. McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wellstead, Lieut. Commander T. W. Harford, representing Commodore A. H. Thorold, CBE, DSO, and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. S. McGregor, Managing Directors, P. & O. S.N. Co., London; Mission to Seamen; Hongkong Sea Transport; Captain and Ship's Company, HMT Dunera; Managing Agents, B.I.S.M. Co. Ltd., Canton; Talook Dockyard; Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Hongkong.

Wreaths sent were from his wife, all the family at Home; Alvena, Fred and Geoffrey; Thorold, OBE, DSO; Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. S. McGregor; Managing Directors, P. & O. S.N. Co., London; Mission to Seamen; Hongkong Sea Transport; Captain and Ship's Company, HMT Dunera; Managing Agents, B.I.S.M. Co. Ltd., Canton; Talook Dockyard; Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Hongkong.

Radio Hongkong

6. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.05, Children's Half Hour, presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 6.30, Cantonese by Radio-Lesson 32, Prepared by S. K. Lee (Studio); 6.45, News (Recorded); 6.55, Box 200; 7.00, Bert Gillett at the Organ (OPI); 7.10, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 7.15, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 7.20, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 7.25, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 7.30, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 7.35, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 7.40, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 7.45, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 7.50, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 7.55, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.00, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.05, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.10, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.15, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.20, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.25, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.30, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.35, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.40, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.45, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.50, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 8.55, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 9.00, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 9.05, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 9.10, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 9.15, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 9.20, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 9.25, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 9.30, "On the Spot" (Recorded); 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